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MILLBURY - Eleanor George drives the van for the Council on Aging and Harold George works in the COA kitchen every Thursday. This special husband and wife team also recently made Easter baskets filled with goodies for all the home bound elderly and those who attend the congregate meals site at the senior center. Eleanor started crocheting the baskets months ago, with Harold helping by cutting out the plastic pieces and assembling the baskets. They then solicited money for goodies from members of their own family. This was truly a labor of love and a gift most appreciated. To this special couple, the Millbury community says, "Thank you, you're great."

School Department investigates Athletic Budget

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Prior to the regular meeting of the School Committee, a public hearing was held on the budget. Nine people were in attendance as Chairman Chet Hanratty went through the 26 pages of the budget, page by page.

New items under contracted services under Administration, School Committee, included an increase in legal and employment advertising and a line item for a Management Advisory Audit requested by Superintendent Richard Palermo as he takes over the reigns from former School Superintendent Alfred Sylvia. The committee cut both line items to half of his original request.

The total school budget amounts to $6,527,488. The Windle Field budget- $12,020; Athletic Budget, $69,485; School Committee, $9,825.

Following a five minute break, the Committee convened for its regularly scheduled meeting. Most of the meeting was spent on hearing a report and discussing memoranda and facts supplied by Palermo and Business Manager Sue Pierce relating to their investigation of allegations that Athletic Director David Wilbur over-expended monies in the athletic budget. Allegations were also made that Wilbur violated the Uniform Procurement Act, Ch. 30b which states that items to be purchased over $10,000 must be put out to bid, and that he may have violated Ch. 268a, the conflict of interest law that prohibits a municipal employee from accepting gifts or gratuities from a company with which that municipal employee is doing business.

Wilbur, who is on a paid leave of absence, was recently charged by the District Attorney's

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By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - The full board of selectmen met April 6 for a meeting that did not adjourn until midnight. Dominating the evening's discussions were the Insurance Advisory Committee's 1993 recommendations, Fiscal Year 1994 appropriation requests which included a discussion on the request for the operation and maintenance funds for the transfer station, and a request from developer Frank Noel for building permits to begin home construction on the frontage lots along Hartness Road.

Correspondence

Selectman David Strieby told Town Administrator Dexter Blois that the Boy Scouts have withdrawn their request to use Camp Marion for activities because the winter damage has made the Camp dangerous. Strieby said he has heard that the tree damage caused by the blizzards is significant and said it was described as looking as though a bomb had been dropped. The Recreation Commission asked the Scouts to conduct a site visit prior to using the facility in order to determine if the area was suitable for use. After a visit, Strieby said, the scout leaders determined it would not be safe to have activities there at this time.

Initial Site Assessment

Board Chairman Wally Johnson said the Solid Waste committee has awarded the Initial Site Assessment contract for the first phase involved in capping the landfill to Weston and Sampson Engineering of Peabody, Massachusetts for $5,500. According to Johnson, a member of the solid waste committee, Weston and Sampson had the best resume and past performance history of all the bidders as well as the

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Executive Session Minutes released

By Andree A. Belisle

MILLBURY - On March 16, the Millbury School Committee went into Executive Session to "consider the discipline or dismissal of or to hear complaints or charges brought against a fellow officer, employee, staff member or individual." In this case, the session was called to consider the suspension of Millbury High School teacher and Athletic Director David Wilbur. Wilbur was arraigned March 18 in Worcester Superior Court on two counts of child rape and one count of indecent assault and battery. Wilbur has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Present for the executive session were School Committee members Chet Hanratty, chairman; Alan Marble; Jane Pojani; Barbara Tuttle; Tom Clawson. Also present were Wilbur; his wife; his attorney, John Goewey; Superintendent of Schools Richard Palermo; School Committee counsel Karen Ludington; and the committee's clerk, Jennifer Ebert.

The following information was taken from the minutes of that executive session, which have been approved by the School Committee.

Hanratty opened the executive session by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the suspension of Wilbur "or other action to be taken by the school committee."

Hanratty read the following rights to Wilbur:
- to be present at the session during discussion or consideration concerning him;
- to have counsel for the purpose of advising him, not for the purpose of active participation in executive session;
- to speak on his own behalf.

Ludington received permission to speak briefly because she said that the committee had not formally received copies of the indictments against Wilbur. She presented three indictments "since the committee is considering the effect of those indictments and what action, if any, they should take against Mr. Wilbur." The three indictments concerned alleged sexual activity with a minor child who is a student at Millbury High School.

Wilbur's attorney asked for and was granted the opportunity to briefly address the committee. "He spoke of his past personal contact with Mr. Wilbur, both as a track and field official, with car pools, informal meetings after athletic events, and as a result, Mr. Goewey considers him a friend and feels that he knows him. His legal services are being donated."

Goewey went on to state that an "indictment is an accusation, without benefit of cross-examination or judge, of someone testifying before the grand jury who decided that there was sufficient evidence to warrant going to trial. No judge tested the evidence. The DA has the complete authority, almost, as a practical matter, to manipulate," the minutes quote Goewey as saying, "and if he doesn't want an indictment, he can skewer the presentation so pretty much it will work out that way. If he wants an indictment, even with no evidence, he can skew this way and can get it. An indictment is not a judicial hearing in any way, shape or form."

Goewey told the committee that while he and his client were aware that an investigation was being conducted in the fall, "Tonight was the first time that Mr. Goewey had seen the indictment. He said that the charge is terrible and destructive. 'Don't ever underestimate the horror of it (the indictment).' Mr. Goewey pointed out that many people in Millbury are not shunning Mr. Wilbur, but were demonstrating their support, as shown

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EMF issue gaining exposure

MILLBURY - WBZ-TV Eyewitness News reporter Hampton Pearson interviewed Robin Janson-Dumais, a member of Millbury's Electro-Magnetic Radiation Hazards Study Committee, on Monday. The station was planning to air a segment on the EMF issue in mid-week.

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We The People...

Sutton officials offer explanation of ballot questions

To the voters of Sutton:

The Board of Selectmen has voted to place five questions on the ballot for the Annual Town Election coming up on Saturday, April 24. Because the election vote will take place prior to the Annual Town Meeting vote, the Board would like to let the voters know what the questions are, why they will be on the ballot, and what the effect of passing them would be on the tax rate.

Proposition 2 1/2 allows a community to purchase capital equipment outside the limits of Proposition 2 1/2 through a "Capital Equipment Exclusion" vote. This is a one-time (i.e. one year) tax increase to purchase a specific item without borrowing.

In the past, the town has purchased capital equipment (police cruisers, computers, etc.) through the regular budget process usually borrowing the funds to bring yearly costs down. For the past few years, these kinds of items have, for the most part, been passed over by the town meeting voters. That is, delayed until finances were better. It has become harder and harder for many towns to fund these types of items from regular operating budgets which can only increase a certain amount from year to year. This year, there were seventeen articles submitted for the Town Meeting Warrant for capital equipment purchases.

This year will be no different from the last two - most of these articles cannot be funded within the regular operating budget of the town. The Board, therefore, has gone over each request along with the priorities expressed by the department heads. It was decided to ask the voters to allow the town to purchase those items deemed most necessary, through a one-time Capital Exclusion vote. This means that for each question that passes (if any do), the town will purchase the specified item(s) without adding the cost of borrowing. The board decided to put these questions on the ballot in April to save the cost of calling a special election, and to give more people an opportunity to express their opinion.

The five questions are to 1) paint the town hall ($20,000); 2) purchase two police cruisers ($30,000); 3) purchase two dump trucks for the Highway Department ($84,000); 4) replace a backhoe for the Highway Department ($62,000); and 5) replace carpeting in the Elementary School ($75,000) - (existing carpeting is 20 years old and presents a real danger.).

What would the effect be on the taxpayer? In very general terms the estimated effect of each question on the tax rate would be as follows:

ITEM	AMOUNT	Addition/$1000 to tax rate	$100,000 PROPERTY
1. paint town hall	$20,000	.05	$5
2. police cruisers	30,000	.07	7
3. dump trucks	84,000	.21	21
4. backhoe	62,000	.15	15
5. carpeting	75,000	.19	19
TOTAL	$271,000	.67	67

HOWEVER, in the next fiscal year, the town will no longer be paying off two debt exclusions - the town hall ($188,775 principal and interest in FY 93) and the fire trucks ($72,362). This amounts to a DECREASE of $261,137, or approximately sixty five cents on the tax rate, or $65 in the above example. The Board of Selectmen is fully aware of the fact that the town has voted to cap the landfill and build a transfer station. Since neither project will be begun in the next six months, there will be little impact, if any, on the tax rate for the next fiscal year (FY94).

In summary, it is the opinion of the Board of Selectmen that these items are necessary and, in the best interest of the Town of Sutton, should not be put off. The Board sees no possibility of funding these items within the operation budget of the town, given the limits imposed by Prop. 2 1/2, continuing decline in state aid and the likely financial demands as a result of education reform. If funded through a one-time capital outlay exclusion, there should be minimal increase in tax burden from FY93 to FY94 because of the decrease in other debt obligations.

This letter was signed by all members of the Board of Selectmen and five members of the Finance Committee: Joseph Gravison, Maurice Brouillette, Kenneth Piel, Richard Hallen, and W. R. Jernberg.

Another Point of View

Is Government Inherently Inefficient?

By Lawrence Moore

Because a title should be short and catchy, I stopped at "inefficient." It would be no trouble at all to continue: wasteful, subject to fraud and abuse, mismanaged, poorly organized, unethical, immoral, unresponsive and, not last and not least, scandalous.

By no means are these terms of endearment limited to our own shores. Probably led by Italy's true and pervasive high-level scandals, few governments at home or abroad can boast of model regimes, loved and respected by their people. Even neighboring towns are afflicted: Uxbridge has its janitor, Hopedale its Police Chief and, among others, Northbridge has its state-appointed Housing Commissioner nominated for dismissal by the other members of the Housing Authority.

Sutton is not immune, although neither the town nor the victim are at fault. The Agency involved is the Veterinary Service office of the Department of Agriculture.

Four vehicles have been parked in the Sutton Square lot diagonally in the rear of the Post Office. Estimates of the length of time these cars have been idle vary from 6 months to well over a year, with some remembering they were in place before the Post Office moved to its present location. Hub caps are missing, and several tires are flat. While the vehicles are far from new, the bodies and interiors seem to be in good condition. It was not possible to read the odometers.

The four orphans are: a Plymouth Valiant station wagon, a 4-wheel drive Jeep Cherokee, a Dodge Ram pickup, and a Dodge Ram pickup with a cap.

Inquiry at the Veterinary Service office elicits some interesting, if annoying information. The cars are "EXCESS," no longer needed by the office. That raises questions. Who

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The following tribute to Janet Murphy was submitted by the Office of the Superintendent of the Millbury Public Schools:

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Janet Murphy

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Occasionally we meet someone who has a positive effect on us almost instantly. The town of Millbury was fortunate to meet and embrace Janet Murphy. To say she had a positive effect is an understatement. She lived in Millbury only two and a half years, yet had a profound impact on the community and those who knew her.

Janet was born in Worcester and lived many years in West Yarmouth. She graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School and Cape Cod Community College. She lived here with her husband Patrick and their three children, John, Thomas and Michael.

Janet was an active volunteer in the Millbury School Connection, a volunteer program. She worked on the "Star Performers" program, the pre-school play group, the Campbell and Scott label drive and many home projects. She was a member of the Curriculum Council and parent's club. She was instrumental in putting together the seven-week parent workshop, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen."

Janet was the assistant den leader for Cub Scout Pack 109, and vice chairman of the Millbury Public Library Endowment Fund.

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Janet passed away February 15, 1993.

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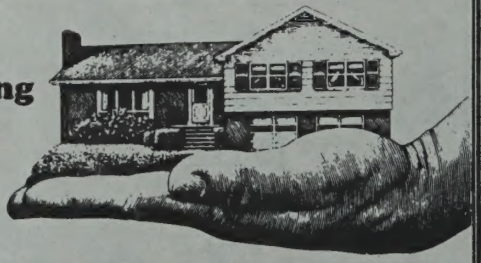

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Board approves early retirement incentive

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The April 6 Selectmen's meeting convened with all board members present, except Roland Lachance.

Board of Health (BOH) Chairman Jim Morin was present to address the agenda item on recycling. Morin asked that a recycling agreement with the state that was approved for obtaining some 5,500 recycling containers for homeowner use be rescinded and that the monies be used instead to purchase recycling containers for the transfer station.

Morin asked, "What are we going to do with them (5,500 containers)? How are we going to manage it (the distribution)? We (BOH) can't do it. We should not go this route," he said. He told the Selectmen that the Board of Health would not be administering or involved in the distribution of the containers.

Cristo suggested that each household in Town be given one container. "I would imagine the haulers would be interested in that," he said. "Wouldn't it be much easier for the haulers?"

Morin replied that the containers are not for the haulers. "They are the Town of Millbury's," he said. "The residents don't own them." Morin again recommended not getting involved with household containers but rather putting efforts and money towards having containers for recycling at the transfer station.

Cristo asked if the Town could use the state agreement and money for that purpose?

"Yes," Morin said, "that could be done."

"I don't know why we don't want to distribute them (the containers)," Bleau said.

"How are we going to do it," Morin asked. "There are 5500 containers involved. Where are we going to put them when they come in? Who is going to monitor this?"

Bleau said the issue will require more discussion.

"Well," Morin said, "we (BOH) can't do it; you can do it. We are not going to do it."

Later in the meeting, after Morin had left, the board once again discussed the issue of the containers.

Selectman Donald Gauthier said the recycling effort involving the containers is part of the Board of Health's job. "Why should we be doing it," he said. "It's their job. They are passing the buck."

Cristo said the buck stops with the Selectmen. "We are now involved," he said. "We've been told they will not distribute the containers."

Chase said the containers will not come through unless the grant is completed. "You're taking on a project you know nothing about," he told the board.

Cristo suggested getting the high school environmental council or the Leo Club involved in helping to pass out the containers on a Saturday.

Animal Inspector

Morin then spoke to a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the position of Animal Control Officer and Animal Inspector that was drawn up by Administrative Assistant Earl Chase at the request of the Selectmen. Chase said the proposal included the position of animal inspector as an alternate and an option.

Morin said the RFP should not have included the position of Animal Inspector because that appointment must be made by the Board of Health, not the Board of Selectmen. He also announced that the BOH has already made the appointment. "It has to be filled by State law by March 15th and it has been," Morin said. "It should be pulled from the RFP because it could be embarrassing. That is the Board of Health's appointment to make. I don't know why you people are even involved in it."

Chase said it was his proposal and he thought there might be a possibility of finding one individual to do both jobs.

"I just want to let you know that the Animal Inspector's position has been filled," Morin said. The position is part time and has a budget item of $1,000. Morin was appointed to the position.

Cristo asked if the Board of Health would consider rescinding the appointment if someone replies to the advertisement who is capable of handling both jobs?

Morin replied, "I don't think so."

Chase said that would have to be addressed by the Department of Public Health.

Morin again noted that the appointment had to be made by March 15 as stipulated by state law.

Cristo then asked who is responsible for picking up stray, dead cats?

Morin said that would fall under the jurisdiction of the Animal Inspector.

"A stray cat that is alive, who picks that up?" asked Cristo.

"Probably the dog officer should," said Morin.

Chase said it would be the job of the animal control officer.

Cable TV

The Board met with the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee

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Chairman, Paul DiCicco, and member Jack Dupre.

Cristo expressed some concern with Greater Media installers going to homes in the evening hours and on Sundays.

DiCicco and Dupre said that was appropriate for working people. They noted that the representatives carry I.D.'s and have been courteous and are trying to meet the needs at times when people will be at home.

No action was taken towards moving forward on getting a public access coordinator for use of the public access channel: DiCicco noted that the $10,000 handed over to the town for the purchase of new equipment this year will not be around next year unless the Board moves towards starting up access. It was agreed that a person was needed who has some technical background for what is perceived as a part time position that also would involve the training of volunteers.

Dupre suggested that Chase contact Emerson College since they have established internship programs in media outlets.

COA Facility

The Chairman of the Council on Aging's Facility Planning Committee, Dr. James Pialtos, presented a request for the board's support of three possible locations for a new facility that would house the Council On Aging as well as other community agencies such as the District Nursing Society.

The three sites proposed are the present town hall property, the River Street site on which a town building leased by Himmer Ambulance is located, and land next to the former Center School where the old Union School was located.

Judy O'Connor, Director of the Council On Aging, noted that if the Town continues its lease with Himmer Ambulance and that site is selected, then a portion of the new structure could also house the ambulances. "We are looking to a multiple use facility to allow for the use of the new building by other community groups," she said.

Pialtos said an arrangement has been reached with WPI to provide assistance in studying the three sites for feasibility along with an architectural rendering of a new building.

Cristo and Gauthier said the former Union School site would be appropriate since it is closer to other town facilities and within walking distance to the parking lot behind the library.

Bleau said he would like to see the results of the engineering study before making any recommendations.

Town Meeting

The Board voted unanimously to hold a special town meting within the annual town meeting to ask the voters to meet financial obligations for the remainder of the year in accounts that are anticipated to fall short. The budgets to be considered are the snow removal budget, street light account, and the town counsel legal account for a total of approximately $20,000.

Building Inspector

The Board met with Building Inspector Rene Morin concerning the Board's dissatisfaction with his investigation of the storing of trucks belonging to L. Bourget of 1458 Grafton Rd. at the DiBaro property on 1460 Grafton Rd. Board members have alleged that there has been a trucking business operating out of one or both locations.

According to Cristo, information in the form of invoices that were unnumbered and written in the hand of one person from 1979 to the present points to Bourget doing business out of DiBaro's location.

Cristo told Morin to notify Bourget and DiBaro in writing that they have 14 days to provide information on their d/b/a/ certificates. If they fail to do so, Cristo said Morin should issue tickets for zoning violations daily until the information is produced.

Morin was asked to return to the Board with his report after the 14 day time period.

Board member Bernard Plante said there is a woman in her 80's who abutts the property and has to deal with this problem daily. "She shouldn't have to look out and see truck bodies up in the air at her property line," Plante said. "I know I would be upset if it was my mother."

Early Retirement

The Board voted to approve the early retirement incentive program, thus starting the clock on the 45 day time frame for any town employee, excluding teachers, to take advantage of the program. Board members agreed that at this time it is speculative as to how much the town will save, but if all eight or nine who have indicated their interest do retire, the town could at least break even. One possible retirement in the Police Department could bring a savings of up to $45-50,000 or at least $22,000 if a new replacement is made at a lower salary and benefit level. Potential retirees have until May 20, 1993 to make their decision. Monies for vacation and sick benefits, if applicable, will be included in this fiscal year's budget. The figures will be included in the article in the town warrant but have not been publicly released as yet.

Warrant Article

Gauthier noted that following the last meeting, the Board reviewed the warrant articles with the Finance Committee. "They are asking us," he said, "to take a position on whether we will go for a 2 1/2 override on an article submitted by the Sewer Commissioners for expending a sum of $1.5 million dollars for the extension of sewer lines up Grafton Street from Carousel Drive to the Millbury/Grafton line. Monies for an election to vote on that 2 1/2 will be needed," said Gauthier. "They are asking us if we support that or not. They need an answer."

Cristo said the town doesn't have the $1.5 million.

The Board took no vote on the request from FinCom.

Investigation Committee

The Board is moving forward on seeking information concerning the establishment of a committee to look into all the issues surrounding the permitting process for the Paul Revere Condominiums.

The Board believes it has the ability to expand the study and investigation of town departments and policies related to subdivision construction beyond Paul Revere. The original motion under article five of the last annual town meeting specified only Paul Revere. There was also an item in that motion to expend up to $20,000 for the investigation.

Chase said he has contacted ATP Engineering Consultants who have worked for the town on issues related to problems at Paul Revere. He said they have indicated that at this time it isn't absolutely clear as to what the total cost to the town would be for their services to look into the permitting processes, policies and procedures in town, but did suggest that a fee of $100 per hour would be charged and possibly at least 40 hrs of work will be needed. Chase also said some monies have to be set aside for possible legal assistance.

Cristo said he was looking for the investigation to focus on other subdivisions and single family permitting procedures in addition to Paul Revere.

Chase said that if the Board has the Committee focus on the problems at Paul Revere, it would cover the other areas in town as well.

Cristo noted that the Board has to yet to charge the committee with their responsibilities since no committee has

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Now that your interest is stirred, you may be surprised to know that this is a review of the children's picture book MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully and published in 1992.

Children's literature has come a long way since the days of primers that were devoted to teaching good behavior and the alphabet. Today, many children's books are credited with being great literature and works of art. To recognize outstanding achievement in children's literature, two important awards of distinction are given each year. These awards are the Newbery and the Caldecott Medals.

The Newbery award is an annual award given to outstanding American's children literature. The award, given since 1922, is named after John Newbery, an English publisher and bookseller (1713-1767). Newbery is credited with being the first person to print and sell books for children.

The 1992 Newbery Medal award winner is MISSING MAY by Cynthia Rylant. It is written for young readers in grades five through eight. Cynthia Rylant tells the story about Summer and her Aunt May and Uncle Ob who have been together for twelve years when Aunt May dies. With May's passing, that shared sense of family seems to die with her. In a tightly-woven plot laced with humor and an eye for everyday detail, May's death and the course of her husband and niece's grieving are explored, letting young readers uncover the meaning of life and death and the power of love.

Since 1938, outstanding picture books are recognized with the Caldecott Medal award. This award is named after Randolph Caldecott (1846-1886), an English illustrator of children's books. Randolph Caldecott is considered the father of today's children's picture book, using advances in printing technology to create illustrated books intended to delight and amuse young readers.

MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE received the 1992 Caldecott Medal award. This award winner is illustrated and written by Emily Arnold McCully, artist and writer of children's and adult fiction. McCully uses rich watercolors to create a European backdrop for the story of Mirette and her mentor and teacher, The Great Bellini, as they help each other to soar above the rooftops of nineteenth-century Paris on the high wire.

Both MISSING MAY by Cynthia Rylant and MIRETTE ON THE HIGH WIRE by Emily Arnold McCully are available at the Millbury Public Library and your local bookstores. You can also find many, many other previous Newbery and Caldecott Award winners and honor books in the library's collection. The library staff will be happy to help you locate these and other books that meet your young readers' interests and reading level.

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Women's Club Convention

SUDBURY - Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts will attend the organization's Annual Convention at the Sea Crest Hotel and Convention Center in North Falmouth from May 11-13. The following members will be representing the Millbury Woman's Club: Dorothea Molleur, President; Patricia Taraskiewics, Federation Secretary; Doris Blondin.

Health Awareness Day

MILLBURY - Millbury's Annual Health Fair, sponsored by the Millbury Lions Club and District Nursing Society, will be held Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post on South Main street. All age groups are invited to participate in the free health screening and educational exhibits. The Lions Sightmobile will be present at the fair. Available tests will include blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, oral cancer, hearing, glaucoma, and much more.

Transportation by the Millbury Council on Aging van can be arranged by calling Judy O'Connor, COA Director, at 865-9154. Call Ann Campbell at the District Nursing Society, 865-3561, to reserve a time for the cholesterol screening.

The Millbury Lioness Club and the District Nursing Society staff members are planing bake sales and flea markets in conjunction with the Health Fair. Dietetic foods and recipes will be offered.

Employee of the Year

WORCESTER - Millbury resident JoAnn Rudge has been named Employee of the Year by the Fallon Clinic. She was promoted to Team Leader of the Pediatrics Department on January 1 and previously worked as a Senior Appointment Secretary in Westboro. She is a graduate of Millbury Memorial High School and lives with her husband Curt and three children.

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by the number that turned out tonight. Mr. Goewey stated that Mr. Wilbur had a good reputation as a teacher and coach. He was nominated or awarded the Millbury Teacher of the Year award a few years ago. In addition, the system thought well enough of Mr. Wilbur to hire him as Athletic Director a few years ago. He stated that those kinds of honors are not awarded by your peers if there are all kinds of rumors about a person, and he hoped that Mr. Wilbur would receive some kind of consideration."

Goewey said he advised Wilbur to speak in generalities on this night. "When the specifics of the allegations are known," Goewey was quoted as saying, "I volunteer, and I beg you almost, to bring Dave back...we will answer, at that time, any specific questions that you have."

The minutes state that Goewey "stressed" that the defense was not "pleading the fifth," but "would like the opportunity to gather information before returning when all answers to questions will be given."

Gowey was quoted as saying, "they will make it clear that he did not have any sexual relations with the complaining witness, or for that matter, any student at Millbury High School."

Goewey went on to say that to suspend Wilbur without pay "would strain the family" and he asked if Wilbur wasn't owed some loyalty.

Goewey then presented the committee with the following courses of possible action:

1. to maintain present status, on leave with pay;
2. to assign him alternate duties (such as updating curriculum, grant writing, scheduling of games, other duties to be decided by the Superintendent and principal)
3. to suspend with pay
4. to suspend without pay

Goewey asked the committee to consider the second option. "He said that when Mr. Wilbur is found not guilty, any suspended money would have to be repaid anyway. He felt that it was too premature to penalize a loyal teacher, and that it would also be a terrible public relations problem in the newspaper. He asked for the defense to have a chance to be re-evaluated, in executive session, when presented with specifics."

According to the minutes, Wilbur then spoke on his own behalf, saying, "I can, with complete conviction, stand up in front of the world and tell you that I absolutely did not do any of these things, any of these indictments, absolutely not."

He then went on to repeat confidential dealings he had with the student involved in the allegations.

Marble asked Ludington about the alternatives proposed by Goewey.

Ludington said she would word them differently:

1. as written under the statute, the committee has the right to suspend without pay (if any employee is indicted). She added that it should be made absolutely clear that the committee is acting under that statute and not because the committee has made a finding;
2. subject to the teacher's collective bargaining agreement, the committee may reassign duties;
3. the committee may continue administrative leave, with pay.

Marble asked about the medical benefit status under the alternatives.

Luddington said that if Wilbur was suspended without pay, all his benefits would be suspended. "If Mr. Wilbur is subsequently cleared, they would have to be restored and repaid," she said.

Palermo asked if Wilbur would be entitled to participate in a group health plan if suspended without pay.

Ludington replied that COBRA is a federal statute that allows an employee whose employment is terminated or whose hours are cut back to the point to where he loses group insurance benefits, to assume the cost to maintain participation in the group plan for up to 18 months, at his own expense. She also noted that there is a provision in COBRA that creates an exception--"if dismissed." She said this was not a dismissal, so, in her view, Wilbur would have his COBRA rights.

Both Goewey and Ludington felt that the court date would not be until the fall.

Clawson asked if there was any possibility the charges would be dropped before coming to trial?

"Goewey said 'yes' but," the minutes state, "because of the nature of the accusation, and the career-threatening nature of it, he said there will be no plea-bargaining here. He said that we did not do it and we will take the risk of going to trial. 'Don't minimize it. This is why I have asked some consideration. Innocent men have been found guilty.' He said that they could come back by June, maybe sooner, to answer specifics."

Ludington said there are no specific dates alleged. All say "on or about...."

Pojani asked for an explanation on the difference between an indictment and a charge.

Ludington said to be "accused" of a crime is the indictment process "whereby the DA or Assistant DA goes before a sitting grand jury and in one day may present many cases--to see if the jury would vote whether there is enough (evidence) to go to trial. She said it is a strange process, because the defendant is not there, the counsel for the defendant is not there. It is the DA with the grand jury, presenting whatever he wants to present. There has been no opportunity for a judge to look at the evidence."

Pojani then asked about personal liability insurance?

Ludington said that "there is statute which protects public employers for their actions in relation to their jobs, but that would need to be discussed at another time."

Ludington also noted that there would be no recourse for the committee to be repaid if it voted to continue administrative leave with pay and Wilbur was found guilty. She also said it was not necessary for the committee to take any action tonight, "but you have to consider the good of the school system, as well as the fairness issues here."

Ludington explained that because of the indictment which alleges 'misconduct in office,' the committee could suspend Wilbur without pay. "If you are interested in that tonight, or not at all," she said, "another option is administrative pay with pay for as long as you want; the committee has flexibility."

Tuttle then said, "As a member, no matter how I vote, I want it understood that I am not judgmental either way. I feel until two sides are heard, that we cannot be judgmental."

Palermo asked if he was correct in assuming that if the vote was to continue leave, or to suspend, that the decision could be changed at any time.

Ludington replied that if the committee decides to continue Wilbur's leave with pay, they could rescind that vote, based on the indictment. "She was not sure, once the vote was taken to suspend, that you can rescind until the case is dropped or completed. It's possible to rescind most votes that a school committee takes, but because of the way the statute is worded, she felt the need to do some research on this."

Hanratty then asked Palermo for his recommendation.

Palermo said based on his research of the law and conversations with legal counsel, "in the interest of the community, school system and students and staff at Millbury Jr. and Sr. High School," he would recommend that the committee vote to suspend Wilbur without pay, "and possibly to reconsider if evidence comes forward to shed more light on the issue."

Clawson asked what the Superintendents Association usually did in similar cases.

Palermo replied that the options are spelled out and he did not obtain statistics on what is usually done.

Marble said that the charges are serious, "but added that if the committee suspended without pay, it would be devastating; it would change Mr. Wilbur's life in a tremendous way. He said he was not comfortable with supporting the Superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Marble said he was back to 'innocent until proven guilty.'"

Ludington then said she wanted to change what she had said before regarding insurance. "She said she was no longer sure what I said before about his insurance after looking through the statute....to see if the committee could change its mind...and to see if his insurance benefits are terminated or not. She said she would like to find out to make sure."

No motion was forthcoming in support of the superintendent's recommendation.

Marble then made a motion to retain Wilbur on administrative leave with pay, reserving the right for further action in the future.

Clawson seconded the motion.

Ludington thought it advisable to put a time period in the motion "so you don't have open-ended uncertainty."

Tuttle then asked Ludington to clarify her statement as it applied to Palermo's recommendation.

Ludington said she would research "(a) if you suspend, can you rescind that later, and (2) we know if you suspend, then he doesn't get benefits. Do they stop? Would he continue with group insurance plan? Does he have to pick it up as an individual?"

Ludington questioned the phrase "compensational salary," but agreed with Palermo that Wilbur could stay on COBRA at the very least.

Marble then made a motion to withdraw his motion; seconded by Clawson.

Marble then offered the following motion: "to continue Mr. Wilbur on paid administrative leave for a maximum of six weeks, and to reconvene to re-evaluate the situation at that time, unless evidence is submitted earlier upon which the committee would like to act."

Tuttle said she would prefer to go along with Palermo's recommendation, but was confused with the information provided by Ludington.

Ludington said she thinks there may be more information at the end of six weeks. "Six weeks is a fairly substantial amount of time to pay someone, and to keep a handle on the case," she was quoted as saying.

Pojani then asked Goewey if he thought more information could be availabe in six weeks.

According to the minutes, "He said when the defense is comfortable knowing what it is charged with, then you can ask us, and we will answer--you may change your minds or continue administrative leave. The defense team is saying we can't answer specific questions until we know what specific facts are that we are being charged with. When those facts are known, then you can judge us, and take whatever action you want. What will allow us to be completely open with you is when the facts and charges are known."

The minutes state that both attorneys felt it would be unusual "for this Worcester DA to drop the charges." Goewey said it would be more likely that the charges would be dropped if the police came up with something, or the complaining witness dropped the charges. "He said the defense is wiling to abide by interim bits, so you feel comfortable."

Tuttle said she agreed with Palermo's recommendation. She said she was trying to be fair and non-judgmental. "'The committee is only getting one side," Tuttle was quoted as saying, "and there are two sides.' She did not want to be put in the position of being judge and jury. She said she wants to do what is best for the school kids and people in the town and she didn't want to keep hearing one side of the story, and making a decision on that. She said she kept reading these laws for a week, and truly believes that is what is

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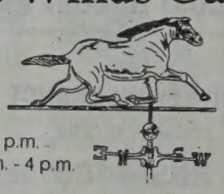

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done most of the time, knowing that everything (money and benefits) in the end will come back to Mr. Wilbur (if found innocent). She said that from what she has read, this is done in most instances."

Clawson said he agreed "wholeheartedly" with Tuttle in that the committee has only heard one side, but hasn't heard the particulars. "He said he didn't think we can fairly judge the merits of the case until we see the evidence of the charges."

Marble said that Tuttle "very correctly said 'we are not the judge and jury,' and that is why he made the motion the way he did. He didn't think it is fair--Mr. Wilbur could get his money back at some point in time, but at the point, he may have lost everything. He said it wasn't fair until the committee has more information."

The role call vote was 4-1 in favor of Marble's motion to continue Wilbur on paid administrative leave for a maximum of six weeks. Clawson, Pojani, Marble and Hanratty voting in favor of the motion; Tuttle voting in opposition.

Ludington called the committee's action "very generous." She asked, and Goewey promised, "that at the moment he has particulars on which the school committee can question directly, that they will come forward immediately with a date to meet with the committee."

Woolie World Bank

MILLBURY - The Super Park Committee is now $5229.46 away from its goal of $50,000. In order to reach that goal, the Committee has embarked on a "Woolie World Bank" project.

If you would like to help fill up the bank, complete the form below and send it to the address listed. Your name and donation will appear in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle and you can watch the bank fill up.

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Preschool Screening

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Schools will be conducting developmental screening for three and four-year-old children on Friday, April 16. The screening, which will take place at the Elmwood Street School, consists of a brief check of each child's development in the areas of speech and language, hearing, vision and motor skills.

The purpose of the screening program is to identify preschool children, ages 3 and 4, in need of special education. Parents who are concerned that their child may have a learning impairment are urged to register for a screening appointment by contacting Mr. Montimurro at the Elmwood St. School at 865-5241. The registration is in compliance with Chapter 766, the state's special education law. Children who are registered for kindergarten will be screened in September.

A meeting to explain screening procedures and answer any questions will be held Thursday, April 15, at 9 a.m. at the Elmwood St. School. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Family Nature Day

SUTTON - The Sutton PTA is sponsoring Family Nature Day on Sunday, May 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cedar Swamp Nature Trail immediately after the Little League Parade. Activities will include family ponding, nature crafts, storytelling, fiddle music and folk songs, a scavenger hunt, games, seedlings for sale, and food! Enjoy a fun-filled day outdoors with friends and family.

Citizens Action Committee East Millbury Industrial Park

MILLBURY - Volunteers who would like to serve on a Citizens Action Committee for a proposed East Millbury Industrial Park are asked to contact the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall either in writing or by calling 865-4710.

Mystery Theater and mini-buffet

MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club will host a Mystery Theater and mini-buffet to benefit its Scholarshp Fund on Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at the Dudley Gendron Post, Boston Road, Sutton. Tickets are $20 each. For tickets or additional information, call Mary at 865-4266, Mary Lou at 865-9831, or Linnea at 865-2844.

Family Science Night at Shaw Elementary

The following was submitted by the Millbury School Connection

The Millbury School Connection held its first Family Science Night on Thursday, March 30, and it was a great success! About 150 students and their parents filled the Shaw Elementary School cafetorium to take part in science activities. Students were divided into groups - two levels from grades K-3 and one level for grades 4-6.

Dissecting flowers donated by Darlene's Floral Boutique, Millbury Towne Florist and Tony's Quick Stop Florist was one of the busy science centers for students exploring the parts that make up different flowers. Some of the other hands-on activities included: magic milk popcorn to explain mass and volume, matter changes by chemical reaction, making electromagnets, and antigravity machines. In addition, students were shown how to operate the electron microscope and view slides containing stained human blood microorganisms, onion skin, and human hair. Another popular activity was the mixing of "mystery matter" (Is it a liquid or a solid?) using cornstarch, food coloring, and water. John Kenary, Russ Pepper, and Reggie Duval of the Massachusetts-American Water Company also participated by showing the Hatch test used to check the acidity level of town and rain water. They also showed how they test the chlorine level of water.

Family Science Night was organized by Lisa Bien, Betty Orsi, and Denise Sliwoski. Many hours of preparation went into the selection of activities and the gathering of needed materials for this fun-filled evening. Volunteers from the School Connection and the Millbury High School Honor Society helped with facilitating the activities as families moved from one science center to another. Everyone involved should be praised for a job well done. Many positive reviews were received on the evaluations written at the end of the night. We look forward to many more Family Science Nights!

Participants sought for Block Party

MILLBURY - Representatives from non-profit organizations in the Town of Millbury that are interested in participating in the Lions Club's Second Annual Block Party on Saturday, June 12, are asked to contact Bill Kane at 865-2258 for further details.

Woolie World Bank Starting to Fill Up....

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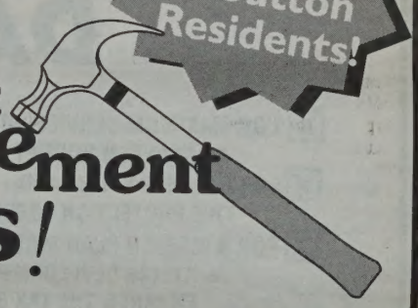

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According to Blois, the other bids were for $9,500 and $14,000. It is estimated that the next study will cost between $30,000 and $50,000.

Lottery Monies - Local Aid

The board unanimously voted to support a petition to ask Sutton legislators to co-sponsor legislation which would remove the cap on monies returned to the towns from the Lottery. According to Selectman Rick LaBonte, when the Lottery was created, 40% was supposed to be returned to the towns. However, that is not the case. With the decrease in local aid, the selectmen feel towns should receive what was originally promised rather than having those monies go to the state's general fund.

Blizzard Conditions

Blois said that Sutton has applied for federal reimbursement for all costs relating to the December '92 blizzard and for the March '93 blizzard. He said that he thought Sutton would recover all costs for the December storm but would be eligible for only the plowing for the March storm because of a complicated formula used to establish reimbursement. Blois told the selectmen that the town budgeted $45,000 and has spent $63,000 to date, an $18,000 deficit.

Selectman David Strieby noted that the $18,000 snow removal deficit will be an $18,000 net reduction of next year's available funds.

Advisory Committee

Ethel O'Day, chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, presented a complete and detailed committee report to the selectmen.

According to the report, the committee distributed a survey to all eligible employees and retirees. The survey asked if they were satisfied with their present plan, and if there were any areas of concern. Eighty surveys were returned: 60 stated that they were satisfied and 20 not satisfied for various reasons (7 dissatisfied with cost, 3 wanted to add dental insurance). The committee felt that with a 3 to 1 satisfaction rate, there was no need to recommend a change in the present insurance carriers offer to the town.

Members of the committee were: Mark Brigham representing highway and municipal government; Mark Panaccione representing the police department; Gordon Spence representing school administrators; Michael Whittier representing school cafeteria, custodial and clerical departments; Joy Reed and Jane Murdock representing school teachers; and Ethel O'Day representing municipal government administrators.

Appropriation Requests & Ballot Questions

The Chairman of the Finance Advisory Committee, Claudette Rice, came before the selectmen stating that FinCom felt it was left out of the process of choosing the questions which will appear on the April 24 ballot.

Board member Mary K. Connor said she met with Fincom members who told her that they were concerned because the selectmen took a vote on the items before consulting with them. Connor explained that the selectmen felt they were under a deadline for submitting questions for the April ballot.

Johnson echoed Connor's sentiments, explaining that the selectmen knew the questions had to be submitted by Monday of the week following their meeting. "I thought our vote was to put them on the ballot. We knew they were needed items, and the only way we could get the town to buy them is through a 'Debt Exclusion.' Therefore," he said, "we voted as a board to put the questions on the ballot. That's about as far in depth as we went."

Strieby said that he went to the most recent Fincom meeting to explain the background thinking of the selectmen which was that they knew that the questions had to be placed on the ballot and that selectmen had talked with department heads and received their priority list and tried to put on the ballot those items which the department heads identified as most important. He said the selectmen had referred the school carpeting item to the school committee for a recommendation. He added that, as a former member of Fincom, he understood their concern at not being consulted and stated that the selectmen should have talked to them about the questions.

LaBonte said that the selectmen saw a need for the priority items and know that they cannot be funded out of the town budget.

Connor added that Fincom may have had a different idea of the priorities and could have provided valuable input.

FinCom member Kenneth Piel said he thought that the selectmen and FinCom have cooperated well in the past and suggested that this lapse might be corrected by better planning.

LaBonte agreed, stating that in these difficult fiscal times it is imperative that all boards work together. He said in the past there were times when the selectmen and the finance committee were at odds, but over the last six or seven years, they have worked well together in the best interest of the town. "When the treasurer, the town manager, the selectmen and the finance committee are in tune, we save an awful lot of money in interest for the town," he said.

(For ballot questions, refer to "We the People" on page 2).

Request for Building Permits

Developer Frank Noel appeared before the selectmen to explain that he would like to build along the 15 frontage lots along Leland and McLellan Roads while he is finishing the McLelland, Leland, and Hartness roadwork. He had written a letter to the selectmen stating that he disagreed with comments made by Johnson at the previous meeting in which he stated that no building permits should be issued before the roads are completed. The condition of the roads during and after the previous developer's construction caused residents to complain over the impassability of the roads.

"The only thing I said," Johnson told Noel, "was the fact that no building permits would be issued until the roadwork was done, excluding the final coat."

"I'm looking to do it in conjunction with finishing the town road," Noel said. He said he is posting a $250,000 cash completion bond with only Blois as signatory guaranteeing that work will be completed.

"The way we left it with the previous developer was that no building permits would be issued until the road work was completed excluding the final coat, because of what we went through last year and all the abuse we took. I want to take no chance of going that route again," Johnson emphasized.

The selectmen had given the previous developer of Orchard Estates and Colonial Acres several considerations and extensions in hopes of an expeditious completion of the road work around the development. The roads which were excavated for sewer and water installation were a constant complaint of residents who were often denied access to their property and had to travel over extremely muddy and often impassable roads. The selectmen tried to correct the problems but met with obstacles which prevented any permanent resolution. The previous developer has since filed for bankruptcy and the $90,000 cash bond which the town holds for completion of the road was listed by the developer as an asset and is tied up in bankruptcy court. The town has been unable to secure monies from another bond held by an insurance company and the road presently remains in a stable yet unfinished state.

Selectman Dana Gravison said that a developer has to have water and sewer lines to the lots before he can get a building permit, and if Noel has that, he should be allowed to build.

Connor said that she thought the last time Noel was before the board that he asked to construct a "dry model" and did not mention any other homes along that road.

Noel said he was short of time at that meeting, (Noel had told the board that he had an appointment in Millis that same evening) "and Wally was kind of emphatic about no building permits unless that work was completed," Noel said. He asked why he should have to put up a cash, completion bond to do the work if he cannot build at the same time. "What is the idea of that bond?" he asked. "I'm guaranteeing by cash that the work will be completed."

Blois said the bond is for road restoration and not for the completion of the sewer and water

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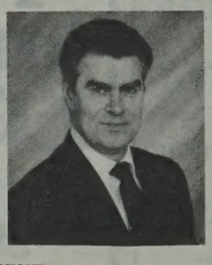

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been appointed. "We can run this by town counsel as to what we want to accomplish," he said.

Collective Bargaining

The Board approved a suggestion by Gauthier to contact Local 495, collective bargaining unit for the town highway department workers and town secretaries and clerks, to ask them to sit down with the Board to resume discussions on their contract. Last week Gauthier suggested that the Board move on meeting with them to see if they could resolve the impasse.

The Local 495 unit has filed an unfair labor charge against the Selectmen which is not to be heard until after the May 4th town meeting.

Gauthier noted at last week's meeting that the impasse is costing the town money. The employees have not paid their share of the premiums for health benefits since the contract expired last August.

Chase said the premiums of the employees are being paid in full by the town until the impasse is resolved. He also said the monies to cover that expense are coming out of the town's health insurance budget and that he is expecting there is enough in that account to get the town through this fiscal year.

In last week's column, the one opening on the Millbury Housing Authority for a one year term was inadvertently left off the list of town offices to be filled at the April Town Elections.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on recent roll calls:

LOCKOUTS (S 1523) House 124-28, gave final approval to the bill giving unemployment benefits to workers locked out by employers during a labor dispute. Supporters said this bill will give some security to workers and their families during lockouts. They pointed to the current Boston Gas Company lockout and noted that present law allowed the Department of Employment and Training to decide on a case by case basis whether jobless benefits are paid. Opponents said the bill tilts the balance too far in favor of unions and sends yet another anti-business message from the Statehouse. The bill was approved by the Senate on a voice vote and sent to Governor Weld. Moore and Kollios voted to give unemployment benefits to locked out workers.

TEACHER DISMISSAL (S 1550)- Senate 24-15, rejected an amendment to an education bill section allowing a principal of a "chronically underperforming school" to dismiss a teacher for "good" cause. The amendment would allow dismissal only for "just" cause. Amendment supporters said "just" cause is more difficult to prove and will protect teachers who are already losing many rights in the education package. Opponents said it takes two years before a school is declared as "chronically underperforming." They argued principals of these educationally bankrupt schools must have more power to dismiss personnel and improve the schools. Amorello voted for easier dismissal.

NEW DAY - Senate 28-9, approved a motion that the Senate meet in a second legislative day in order to allow immediate consideration of the education bill. Supporters said it is time to take action on this important bill and argued members are familiar with the basic concepts of the package. Opponents said members have had this 125-page version of the bill for only a few hours and urged that action be delayed so members can read it. Amorello voted against immediate consideration.

DISCHARGE - Senate 22-10, rejected a rules change allowing a majority vote, rather than the current two-thirds requirement, to force a bill out of the Steering and Policy Committee and onto the Senate floor for action. Both the current rule and the proposed change still require the committee to release all bills after 45 days. The debate on this change centered around the first 45 days during which the bill is held. Supporters of the change said majority vote discharge is allowed for other committees and should be allowed for Steering and Policy so that the leadership cannot tie up legislation. Opponents offered no arguments. Amorello's vote was YA* (voted yes, but was absent) to require a majority vote for discharge.

SCHEDULING COMMITTEE - Senate 20-13, rejected a rules change creating a Scheduling Committee to draft for Senate approval a schedule of Senate sessions of the entire year. The amendment requires that the schedule avoid conflicts with committee hearings and provide sufficient advance notice to allow members to balance their legislative duties with family and professional ones. Supporters of the change said the current haphazard system of last minute scheduling is unfair and disrupts members' personal and professional lives. Opponents offered no argument. Amorello's vote was YA* (voted yes, but was absent) in favor of creating the Scheduling Committee.

* A "pairing" process, used only in the Senate, is a procedure which allows a senator who is absent when the vote is taken to express his or her view anyway. Under the arrangement, the absent senator contacts a senator who is present and plans to vote the opposite way. The present senator agrees to "pair" his or her vote with that of the absent senator. Neither vote is counted in the official total - they cancel each other out. Each senator is still able to be unofficially recorded in favor or in opposition to the bill or amendment. YA means the senator voted YES but was absent. NA means the Senator voted NO but was absent.

Concert features Beethoven's Fifth

WORCESTER - Notre Dame/St. Joseph's Parish will present a special concert by the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Chamber Orchestra, Dr. Douglas Weeks, Director, on Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the Church Sanctuary, 5 Salem Square. The featured work will be Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

DNS Volunteer Week

MILLBURY - The District Nursing Society (DNS) has announced that the week of April 18-24 has been set aside to celebrate the efforts of the society's many volunteers.

"With outstretched hands and hearts," the announcement said, "volunteers are changing tomorrow, today. Across our community, they are reaching out to help others in need: aiding the sick and disabled, befriending the young and old, and inspiring others to do the same."

Volunteers are critical to the success of the DNS programs, including the Adult Day Health Care Center and the Congregate Housing Program. Volunteers are honored with certificates and red "V"'s which will identify them during National Volunteer Week. If you see someone wearing a red "V," say "Thank You" and ask about how you might become a volunteer. It is your "Chance to change Tomorrow."

For more information about volunteering for the DNS, the Adult Day Health Care Center or the Congregate Housing, call Ann Campbell at 865-3562, Janet Clawson at 865-1401 or Lisa Bennes at 865-2960.

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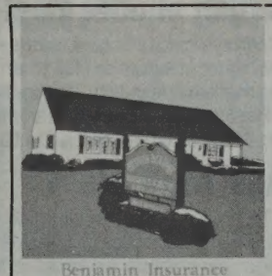
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Proclamation for Earth Day

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Selectmen has proclaimed Saturday, April 17, as Earth Day in Millbury and has set aside the following week for public activities promoting preservation of the global environment and for launching the "Decade of the Environment."

The Leo Club, in conjunction with Earth Day on the 17th, will be cleaning trash from roads and lakesides in Millbury, rain or shine. Anyone willing to help is asked to be at Windle Field at 9 a.m. Wear gloves!

Awarded Gold Circle

GRAFTON - Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker recently held their annual Awards Ceremony at the Vista Hotel in Waltham to honor sales associates for their achievement in residential sales in 1992. Frank Koliss (above) of the Grafton Office of Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker was awarded the Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker Gold Circle for achieving the highest level in sales. Presenting the award was William E. Kiley, Jr., President of Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker.

Koliss was also named a member of the President's Club which honors those sales associates who have been involved in 10 or more listings sold. The Company's over 900 sales associates were invited to the breakfast and services fair.

Hunneman & Coldwell Banker sold over $1.4 billion of real estate in 1992, exceeding all Company sales records. Hunneman & Company-Coldwell Banker is New England's largest residential real estate company and an affiliate company of Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates, Inc., which has over 1,900 residential real estate offices nationwide.

Woman's Club annual meeting

MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club will hold its annual meeting at the Ramada Inn in Auburn on May 10 at 12:30. The deadline for reservations is April 30th. Send checks and reservations to Linnea Stead. The menu choices are Chicken a la King or Broiled Boston Scrod. The cost is $14.00.

Golden Age Trip

MILLBURY - Bea Tift is running a three day trip to Lake Placid for the Millbury Gold Age Club from June 14-16 for $199 plus a tip for the driver. Non-members are invited to attend. Anyone interested can call Bea at 865-4331 before April 30.

For Bereaved Families

WORCESTER - The Compassionate Friends (Worcester Chapter) invites bereaved families of children who have died to its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stoddard Room at the First Baptist Church, 111 Park Street.

TCF is a world-wide self-help, non-profit organization that offers understanding, sympathy, support and friendship to bereaved families of all races and faiths. This is the only organization of its kind dealing with the devastating loss of a child on the family. Brothers and sisters of deceased children are invited to attend TCF's Sibling Group on the same evening.

For further information contact Linda Casey at 839-6390.

Youth Football Registration

MILLBURY - Millbury-Sutton Youth Football will hold a spring sign-up for fall football on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall. The registration fee is $45.00. Two teams will be forming: Jr. Pee Wee for ages 7-9 (to 75 lbs.) and Jr. Midget, ages 10-12 years (to 110 lbs.) Join the Raider excitement!

Employee of the month

WORCESTER - Gerri Bianchi, R.N., B.S.N., of Millbury, has been named employee of the month of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Central Massachusetts in Worcester. An employee of the VNA for seven years, Bianchi is the physician liaison nurse responsible for supporting communications between the VNA and the physicians it serves and coordinating patient care with physicians.

Prior to accepting this position in 1991, Bianchi served as a staff nurse of the VNA, directing patient care and administering treatments and medications as ordered. Before joining the VNA, Bianchi was clinical care coordinator for Paramedical Home Health Care Services, Inc. in Worcester.

Bianchi earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Assumption College, where she is now president of the school's nurses alumni association and a member of its nursing honor society. She is also a member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

Named to Dean's List

WORCESTER - Michael DeHaan has been named to the Quinsigamond Community College Dean's List for the Fall 1992 semester. He is the son of Edward and Genevieve DeHaan of 505 Mendon Road, Sutton. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher to be eligible for this honor.

Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will host an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 24, from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are $4.00 for adults and $1.00 for children under the age of 10. Tickets can be purchased from church members in advance and will also be sold at the door the day of the breakfast. The breakfast is open to the general public.

Sutton Senior News

SUTTON - The C.O.A. office staff is available for service to elders daily, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 865-9798. For the S.C.M. Elderbus, Inc., van ride, call 865-1602.

MONDAY: April 19, office/Sr. Center closed.

TUESDAY: Pokeno, lunch at noon, special shopping at Stuart's. Blood pressures taken at the Sr. Center at the Town Hall every Tuesday until further notice.

WEDNESDAY: Senior Fitness at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.

THURSDAY: Grocery shopping (Make transportation appointments for medical, shopping, and senior center 24 hours in advance.).

FRIDAY: Lunch at noon, blood pressure clinic at the Senior Center at 12:45 p.m.

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installation which Noel must install if he wants to build on the lots.

Connor observed that the houses do not mean zoning without sewer and water.

Noel was granted permission by the Planning Board to build the "dry model" though all the zoning regulations have not been met.

"I was under the understanding, after the fiasco we went through last year, nobody did what they were supposed to do, and we were in full agreement, that no building permits would be issued until the road work was complete," Johnson said. He added that residents were led to believe that was the way it was supposed to be last year and that was what the selectmen were going to require if a new developer came along.

Strieby said that he understood the desirability of having a "dry model" but, he said, "I'm going to agree with Wally - when the road work - all that is needed is there - then we look at the permit."

Connor said she did not know why the selectmen are being brought into a process that falls under the jurisdiction of the planning board and the building inspector.

Johnson argued that the protocol is being changed. He reminded the selectmen that Gravison had commented at an earlier meeting that certain conditions should be established so that whoever buys the property knows what they are buying.

LaBonte said the selectmen should send Noel to the building inspector for a release of building permits. He said the selectmen have no authority in this issue.

"If sewer and water are in, and the lot meets zoning, and he has a bond, that's a different question," Connor said.

Noel argued that he is being penalized for some other developer's mistake, and he does not understand why he must put up a completion bond if he cannot get a building permit.

Blois said that he had no problem with Noel's proposal to build on the frontage lots before the rough coat of the road is put down.

Johnson said, at the last meeting, that no building permits would be issued until all the road work, with the exception of the finish coat is completed. He said it was his understanding that his colleagues agreed with him. "Nobody disagreed, or we would have been arguing about it a lot longer," he observed.

Connor said she did not agree with Johnson.

"I agree with you, Wally," Gravison said, "because he (Noel) said he was doing laterals as he went up the road. He said that, he said the laterals would be done as he goes up the road doing the main so he won't have to tear up the road anymore, which means that all the sewer lines should be tested. The only thing that Wally wants more than me is rough pavement."

Noel said he had the main sewer line in and tested and approved by the town on Monday. Now he has a crew bringing the laterals up. "When I bring the laterals up, I want to be building houses, because now I have sewer and water," he said. "While I'm building the laterals on Hartness, I want to be building on McClellan."

"My main concern is this," Johnson said, "within a subdivision, I could care less because it is not a travelled way as such. We are working now on a public way in Sutton that is used every single day. That is the road that was my main concern last year, and it will be this year. We sat in that other room filled to capacity and apologized and tried to bail out someone who really took advantage of us (the previous developer). I feel that is never going to happen to me again," Johnson said emphatically. "If you want to change the format and revise it, be my guest."

Connor asked what would a person who owned a lot along the road do if they wanted to build inasmuch as they would conform to the zoning regulations. She indicated that they would have every right to get a building permit. She observed that it was not right to permit someone to build and deny Noel the same legal privilege, particularly when he is the one who is completing the project which was left unfinished. She said that the town had the leverage of denying permits for the interior lots and the cash bond.

Noel said he is trying to complete the roads as quickly as possible and begin construction.

"All I'm doing is looking out for the residents of Hartness Road," Johnson said.

Gravison said that the town has the bonds to complete the road if Noel fails to do so.

"We had bonds before," Johnson argued. "What the hell good did they do? Don't talk to me about bonds," he said in exasperation. The bonds to which he referred are a $90,000 cash bond that is being held by the bankruptcy court and an insurance bond that the insurance carrier will not release in spite of the fact that the town has called the bond and begun legal action for its recovery.

Noel asked not to be punished for what someone else failed to do, adding that he has always lived up to his obligations with the town in past developments.

LaBonte advised Noel to go before the building inspector when he feels he has met the standards.

"This is the route we talked about all last year," Johnson reiterated. "Here we had that mess last year. I can't help but feel when I made this suggestion last week that everybody agreed with me. That's the route we were going to take. This is the route we talked about taking long before those lots were sold down there - that we would never again release building permits until the road work was done. If you don't want it, I can be overruled."

Strieby said, "I believe it's in your interpretation of what is considered done. 'Done' is considered when you have the sewer pipes in, the water pipes in, everything that meets the requirements of our by-laws," Strieby said he understood last week. "When it's done and meets the law. No more special exception."

Gravison said that he agreed with Johnson that the selectmen had agreed to grant no permits until the rough pavement was put down. "I know we were talking pavement on the town road."

Noel said if that is the case, then why is he required to post a road completion bond?

Blois said the bond is necessary because this road is a public road.

"Let's not lose sight of the fact that this person (Noel) is going to come and bail us out, big time," Connor said, "and I don't care how much money he's going to make; let him go ahead and do it." She then made a motion to inform the building inspector and the planning board that it is the selectmen's decision that once Noel meets all of the building requirements that building permits be issued.

The motion passed with Connor, Strieby, LaBonte and Gravison voting in favor and Johnson voting opposed.

Transfer Station

Johnson and Blois provided the selectmen with costs for the various solid waste disposal options. They were based on annual costs per household:

(1) Private contractor, curb-side collection - $262.41.

(2) Private contractor, curb-side collection, town subsidy - $254.33

(3) Town contractor, curb-side collection - $231.40

(4) Town contractor, curb-side collection, town subsidy - $223.32

(5) Transfer Station, town employees, equipment leased - $151.17 (6) Transfer station, contracted, town subsidy - $134.50.

According to Blois, these figures are based in part on Cullinan Engineering's estimates which were submitted in their study. The figures Blois presented the board were originally lower, based on a subsidy of $50,000 which was later corrected to $20,000. The reason for the correction was that the original number was based on the town's annual $80,000 appropriation for operation and maintenance of the present landfill. From this number, $30,000 must be deducted for annual, mandated monitoring of the landfill, leaving $50,000. However, Blois did not consider the annual $30,000 the town receives through its sale of landfill stickers. Since the town will no longer have that amount, it was deducted. Thus, the amount which the town will be able to subsidize of the original $80,000 appropriation will actually be only $20,000 per year.

Figure 1, $262.41, is the estimated cost of a contractor, curb-side collection with no town involvement. Essentially, this is the present cost of hiring a private hauler to collect residential refuse.

Figure 2, $254.33, is the same assumption as Figure 1 with the total reduced by the $20,000 town subsidy.

Figure 3, $231.40, is the estimated collection fee based on Cullinan's numbers. Blois used the town's reduced tipping fee of $50 per ton instead of $67.42 which would be a private contractor's tipping fee. The resident would pay the town's

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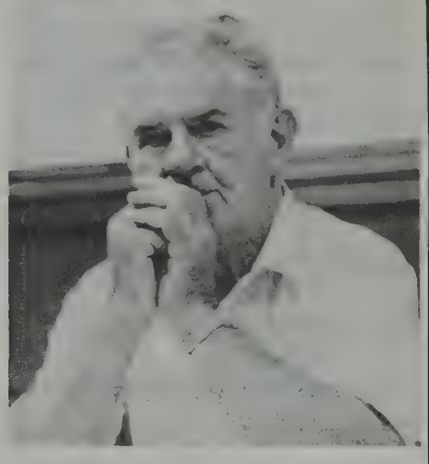

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tipping fee through the contractor but at the town's contractible cost. Still, the town is out of the solid waste business, Blois said. He compared this system to one in Northbridge.

Figure 4, $223.32, is the estimated cost using the number 3 figures reduced by a $20,000 town subsidy.

Figure 5, $151.17 is the estimated cost for a transfer station without building a permanent transfer station. According to Blois, rather than build a transfer station, Sutton has received a proposal from Waste Management that is "ready, willing and able to lease transfer station equipment to the town." The $151.17 assumes that 1,200 households will use the transfer station.

According to information Blois supplied the board, two compactors would be on site leased at a rate of $450.00 month for an annual cost of $5,400.00. The tonnage for 1,200 households is estimated to be 2,000 tons per year multiplied by the $59.50 tipping fee for an annual cost if $119,000. The cost of electricity to run the facility would be $2,000.00. The salaries of the two employees on site would be respectively, $40,500 and $10,000 for a cost of $50,500. Recycling costs would be three containers leased at a rate of $75.00 a month for a cost of $2,700 per year and the cost of hauling at $150.00 per haul for a cost of $10,800 per year. The total cost of transfer station operations would be $181,400 per year. If 1,200 residents use the facility, then the cost per user would be $151.17 per year.

Figure 6, $134.50, uses the same numbers as #5 but with the $20,000 town subsidy; the cost would be reduced to $134.50 per year.

Johnson said the figures provided by the solid waste committee demonstrate that the transfer station option is the least expensive way for residents to dispose of their waste. He said the committee has provided a way to dispose of trash and save $100 over the cost of having a private hauler collect it.

The board asked what the consequences would be if fewer residents use the facilities.

Blois responded that approximately $58,000 of the $181,400 cost is fixed. If fewer residents used the facility, then the tonnage would decrease as would the electrical and hauling costs. He calculated that if more or fewer residents used the transfer station, the difference in costs to the residents would not be dramatic.

Blois added that the town would have to pay for the construction of a new, more powerful electrical line to be brought to the site. He said that the town has to pay for that and that Mass. Electric is calculating the cost now. He said that the construction would be a one time expense.

Connor and LaBonte expressed the opinion that many residents will choose private collection over having to dispose of their own trash when they see that the difference is only $100 per year.

Alex Trenta, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, said that no matter which option is chosen, the burden of financing trash disposal is going to fall on the residentd. The transfer station option is the least expensive option, he said.

Committee member Carl Hutchinson said that though the cost of a transfer station is less, it is unfair to compare them since the service is not the same. For private collection, a hauler does all the work; with a transfer station, the resident does all the work. He added that the cost of travelling to the transfer station must be factored in as well.

The board decided to discuss the options it will recommend to the residents at their next meeting.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

I was just about ready to sit down and write this article when I heard a noise outside. When I investigated, I found it was my neighbor with his chain saw cutting down a tree. Well, what was I to do? Of course I had to go get out my chain saw and join him. After all, I told you a few weeks past that I couldn't wait until I could take the gas out of the snow blower and put it into the chain saw. My neighbor said that he knew that as soon as I heard the two cylinder engine, I would be right out.

Well, Springtime is finally here, and I am enjoying it very much. This was a good old fashioned New England winter and it was great, but I love the change in seasons. There seems to be so much sickness, but I hope and pray that Springtime will bring with it new hope for warmth and healing.

Spring reminds us that after death comes new life. I remember one Easter letter I wrote to a church suggesting that before they could see new life that they would have to put everything to death. They didn't care much for the suggestion, but you know that when they did come to that place we had a wonderful revival.

When I held a piece of bread in my hand recently in Holy Communion, I thanked my God first and foremost for the death of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the cross, but I also thanked Him that there once was a grain of wheat that fell into the ground and died and become the wheat out of which that piece of bread was made. Thank God for so many things that die so that I may live, but most of all for the gift of His Son, my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Parade Contributions Sought

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lions Club is currently making plans for Millbury's 9th annual Independence Day Parade to be held Sunday, June 27, at 1 p.m.

With the community's continued support, this year's event promises to be the best ever. The complete contingent of Shriners will be performing, as well as numerous award-winning bands from the Eastern States who will be making their first appearance in Millbury.

To help defray the cost of this very expensive undertaking, the Lions Club is seeking donations. Any contributions would be gratefully appreciated. The names of all contributors will be printed in the parade day program. To contribute, send your donation to: Millbury Lions Club/Parade, c/o Len Horton, 23 Hemlock Drive, Millbury, MA 01527.

If you or your organization would like to place an entry in the parade, whether it be a float, marching unit, etc., call Len Horton at 865-4898 to obtain a registration form or for further information.

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Library closed for renovations

SUTTON - The Sutton Public Library will be closed from March 30 - April 12 in order that books and stacks may be moved and the last phase of renovation can begin.

Military Whist in Sutton

SUTTON - A Military Whist, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of Sutton, will be held at the First Congregational Church, on the Common, Sutton Center, Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Prizes and refreshments will be available.

Linda J. Roach
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April 24, 1993

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Office with two counts of child rape and one count of indecent assault and battery. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

Palermo noted that upon taking the position of Superintendent, he said he would be strong on fiscal responsibility. "At the last meeting of the school committee," he said, "I was asked to investigate and report back on the athletic appropriations and revolving account." He noted that although Business Manager Sue Pierce has not been involved with the Athletic Account over the past several years, she did work hard in assisting him in the investigation.

Palermo then referred to various memos and data before the committee showing appropriations and expenditures in the athletic department through February 28, 1993. The memos were from Sylvia, Wilbur, and High School Principal Daniel Carmody and related to the purchase of medical supplies. Palermo also noted that there seems to be a difference of opinion between Sylvia and Wilbur over what procedures were to be used for making purchases and paying bills.

Palermo said the investigation is on-going and noted that the District Attorney's Office has been contacted and is asking for more information.

Hanratty said the School Department's contact with the District Attorney's Office was in the nature of an inquiry. He said no specific charges have been filed as yet as the Committee is continuing its investigation.

Palermo said the matter came to the attention of the Central Office through the Business Department on March 16, 1993 when a TV set was delivered to the school with no name of any person to whom it should be delivered. "There was no idea as to who had purchased it," Palermo said. "Upon calling American Data Products of Van Nuys, California it was stated by them that the TV set was for Mr. Wilbur at no charge, intended for a donation to the Millbury Booster Club."

[The Chronicle has learned that Wilbur contacted High School Principal Daniel Carmody and asked him to pick up three boxes at his home on April 12. In addition, a fourth box was picked up at the home of Wilbur's father. The boxes contained a telephone answering machine, a camcorder, a VCR and a television. Palermo said that although there were no shipping labels on the items, "it is our strong assumption" that they are from American Data Products.]

Some of the highlights of the investigation mentioned by Palermo included: over the past 2 years no purchase orders were used by the athletic department to purchase equipment and supplies; there have been no signatures approving those purchases by either High School Principal Dan Carmody or then Superintendent Alfred Sylvia. "As of March 18," Palermo said, "that process has changed and all purchases now must come through my office. Another major concern is that there has been budget over-expenditures in sports already completed for this year. One other major concern is in the purchase of medical supplies. In this fiscal year 1993 we have budgeted a total of $2,435 in medical supplies and to date," he said, "$23,721 has been spent. Since that time, in the past two days we have contacted the company and told them in no uncertain terms will we pay $14,699 and will be shipping some items back.

Another real concern is that when you look at comparison prices, Sue (Pierce) did a lot of work on that," he said. "One item that American Data Products supplies, an ice pack for $3.88, a local company supplies for 46 cents; underwrap, American Data Products, $6.98, local 55 cents; tape, American Data Products, $11.12 per roll, locally $1.00 per roll. There would be a grand total savings of $32,500 by shopping with a vendor of reasonable prices," he said.

Palermo said that after digging and "being pains in the neck when the company was not being responsive," they discovered that a TV set was delivered to Wilbur in November, 1992 and in March of 1993 a VCR. "To this time, we have not been able to locate those two items," he said. "Mr. Wilbur has submitted a written statement which you have in your packet in which he indicates that there was approval (for the way he was buying supplies) from the previous Superintendent (Sylvia) and High School Principal Mr. Carmody had knowledge of the procedure. The statement from Dr. Sylvia differs from that submitted by Wilbur," he said.

[Wilbur's memo to Carmody, dated March 22, 1993 reads as follows:

"Two years ago I was contacted by American Data Products in reference to purchasing medical supplies like ice packs, tape, latex gloves, etc. at a bulk rate, if the order was large enough. I spoke with Dr. Sylvia about the prices and total cost of the order, because it was more than the budgeted amount for these supplies in one year. We figured out that we could purchase these items over a three year period and store them at a price far below what was paid each year and the supply would last for 8-10 years for some items. We agreed to use the budgeted medical supply amount, approximately $2500, and the gate receipt money for three years to purchase these supplies over this three school year period. This was agreed to by the manager at American Data Products and did not cause us any financial problems until they mistakenly sent the part of the shipment for the 1993-94 school year early. When these supplies came during February vacation, I called the manager and told him that this was causing us a problem and I wanted to see how cooperative he would be. He told me to take off the shipping charges on each invoice (totalling about $2,200) and that he would donate a television set to the school for a raffle. I in turn told him that I would give the TV to the Athletic Booster Club to raffle as I didn't want the Athletic Department to get into fund raising. He also agreed that if at all possible we would pay one invoice on this year's budget and the rest during the summer from the next school year's budget money.

"I informed Mr. Capparelli that these items came early and of the agreement with the company so that a high school administrator would know."

Palermo's memo to the School Committee, dated March 31, 1993 reads as follows: "On Wednesday March 31, 1993 I spoke with Dr. Alfred Sylvia regarding Mr. Wilbur's memorandum to Mr. Carmody concerning medical supply purchases. Dr. Sylvia stated the following: "Dave told me there was a messy situation with medical supplies, but that he was working it out. Dave did not mention any figures to me only that he was getting a good deal."]

"Our counsel has advised us to speak to Mr. Wilbur, Dr. Sylvia and Mr. Capparelli to give them an opportunity to respond. This can be done separately or together in an open meeting of the School Committee," said Palermo.

Business Manager Sue Pierce said one of her concerns is that due to the large expenditures in medical supplies, there may be a shortage of funds for spring sports and awards. She also said the shortfall might have been larger except for the fact that the football budget has a surplus. She suggested that the shortfall might be somewhere at $885.

A member of the Booster Club, Paula Bunnevith, offered the help of the club in providing funds for spring sports from their account.

Pierce said, "There has been an expenditure of ice packs that would last for ten years, and those items with a short shelf life will be sent back as we will not pay the $14,700. The ice packs don't have a limited shelf life."

Pierce said the company was not cooperative at all at first, "until I became a real pain and told them that under M.G.L.Ch 30b the invoices could

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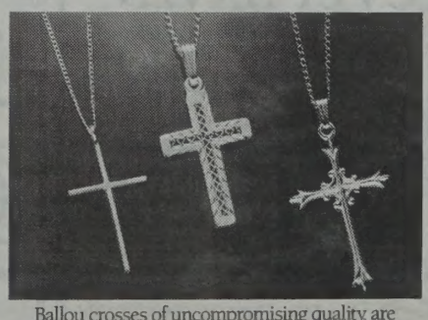

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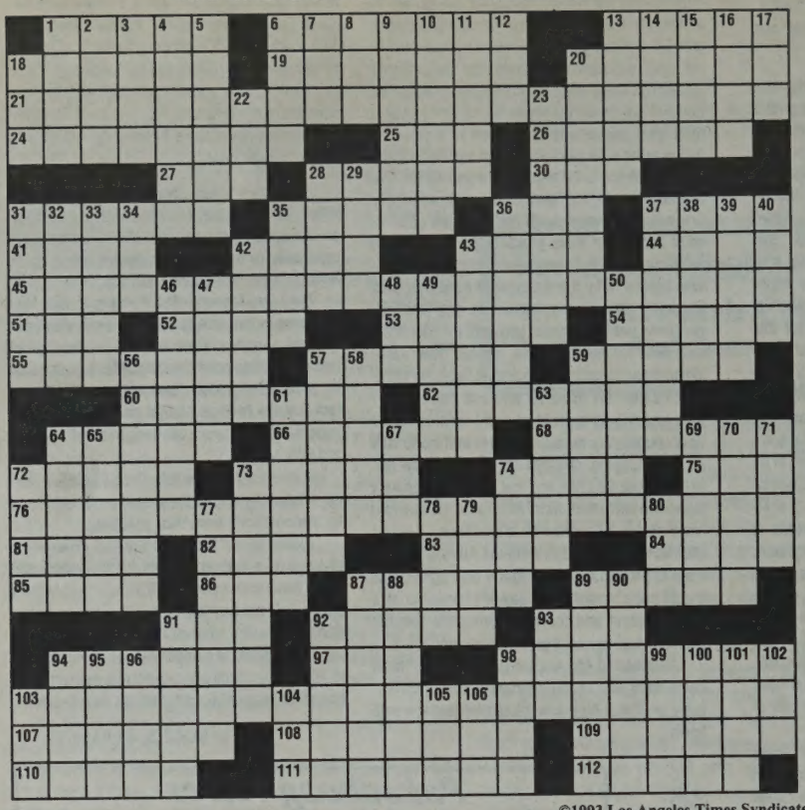

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1 Bar bills
6 Herbert's "— Toyland"
13 Comical
18 "— Earth"
19 Like October's birthstone
20 Hockey position
21 Start of a Valentine verse
24 Calming process
25 Suffix for Jersey or Brooklyn
26 Caught in a lasso
27 Yoko
28 Dead duck
30 Writer John — Passos
31 — Forest, near London
35 Did a cotton-pickin' job
36 Half of CCVIII
37 Stravinsky's spring thing
41 Put film into a camera
42 Big oaf
43 Caesar's wings
44 "Lizzie Borden took —": Anon.
45 More of verse
51 After wye
52 Sommer from Berlin
53 Ancient Latium city
54 Black piano key
55 Make plans
57 Seance intermediary
59 Tops 212°
60 Made a dog sound
62 Curtain pull tufts
64 More foxy
66 Kind of crackers
68 Paving material
72 Sheepish comment
73 Aver
74 Milne's Winnie
75 Grandpa's car?
76 More of verse
81 Thine, in Château-Thierry
82 Maine tree
83 In one's right mind
84 Loser to a tortoise
85 Out of —: discordant
86 U.N. arm
87 Chase of "Fletch"
89 Close companion
91 Had a bite
92 Hite of "Hite Reports"
93 Adam's —: water
94 Twenties exclamation
97 U.S. spy ctr.
98 Idle state
103 End of verse
107 Rifle's forerunner
108 One of a '40's singing group
109 Suave
110 Crafts, in the barrio
111 Complete control
112 "Für —": Beethoven bagatelle

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1 Agatha Christie hint
2 Like iron
3 Atahualpa, notably
4 Early German
5 Bean or quartet
6 Blessing
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8 Kind of relief
9 "Lily Maid of Astolat"
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10 Used a sieve
11 Deduce from a remark
12 Teachers' org.
13 Major —: chief stewards
14 Streams of sunlight
15 Greek wine pitcher
16 Berlin song
17 Tennis cry
18 Opposite of neg.
20 Furrows in phonograph records
22 Best mark
23 Gary's locale
28 Strategic Mideast "Strip"
29 Sweden's martyred Palme
31 Henry Higgins's pupil
32 Tough question
33 Not so ruddy
34 Infamous Amin
35 Humerus, for one
36 Miners' stake-outs
37 Engagingly disreputable
38 Everyone included
39 Gogol's Bulba
40 Ramp sign
42 He makes a lot of dough
43 Existing in fact
46 Branagh of "Dead Again"
47 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
48 Gangster's gat
49 "...bird? — plane? ..."
50 Menjou of many movies
56 From the largest continent
57 — a trois: domestic triangle
58 Archie's spouse
59 Make tipsy
61 Hispanic
63 Mâcon's stream
64 Like some roofing material
65 Pie, ice, yellow or dud
67 Encountered
69 Indo-European
70 A mite suspicious
71 Schlep
72 Prejudice
73 Beam upon
74 Pindling
77 Nickname, often disparaging
78 Flanders river
79 Possess
80 Pi-sigma separator
87 Henhouse infants
88 Big name in publishing
89 Group of paid applauders
90 Roll up the hair again
91 TV's "Green —"
92 La Scala opera unit
93 "Have you — wool?"
94 "Now is the —"
95 Give the boot
96 Appropriate
98 — bitty
99 Japanese sock
100 Cleopatra's maid
101 Alençon's department
102 Louis of "The Steve Allen Show"
103 Singer Sumac
104 One of Johnson's beagles
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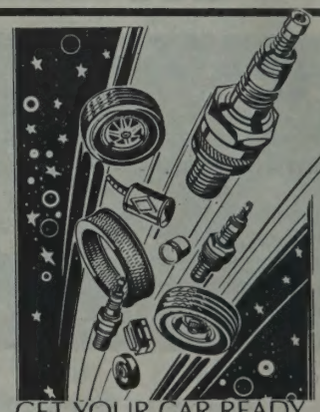
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LIBRARY PAGE, 15 hours a week, includes evenings and every Saturday. Call 865-1181.

DEADLINE

The DEADLINE for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday of the week prior to publication. The office is closed to the public on Saturdays but announcements may be left in the mailbox at the side entrance or at the front door.

School Connection Volunteer Opportunities

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Connection, a volunteer group within the Millbury School System, has volunteer opportunities available in the areas listed below. If interested, contact Leslie at 865-5741 or jot a note with your name and phone number to Millbury School Connection, Elmwood Street School, Millbury, MA 01527.

ELMWOOD STREET SCHOOL

1. Someone to type up students' names for a yearbook the school is putting together.
2. People willing to be alternates for Project Read the first two Thursdays of the month, 9-10 a.m. and 10-11:15 a.m..
3. Person willing to sit with students and listen to them read.

SHAW SCHOOL

1. One person to laminate items for teachers.
2. Person willing to build a puppet theater.
3. People willing to put together and run a post office at the school.
4. Person to help with banking program every other Wednesday.
5. People willing to be alternates for Project Read the first two Thursdays of the month, 9-10:45 a.m.

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

1. Person willing to assist in wood shop.
2. People willing to assist in cafeteria.
3. People willing to monitor hallways in Jr. High.
4. People willing to assist in math class, sewing class, or Jr. High studies.
5. People in the medical field willing to talk to a class, one time, about their profession.

ALL SCHOOLS

1. The School Connection and Barbara Debs are putting together a computer training class for parents who will assist elementary students on computers throughout the next school year.
2. People to bake. Activities are planned that will require baked goods.
3. People willing to help with mailings - folding, stapling, etc.

Foundation seeking Apple Computer and printer

MILLBURY - The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Millbury is in dire need of an Apple Computer and printer to be used for processing scholarship applications. This will enable them to continue to meet the needs of local youth in obtaining their goal of a higher education.

Lack of access to computer equipment will result in an application fee for each student or in the reduction of scholarship awards. The model numbers being sought are: Apple II, Apple II+, Apple IIe, or Apple IIc. Memory 48K; Disk Drive 1. If you can help, contact Lillian Stafinski, Millbury Savings Bank, 865-5811.

Legals...Legals

Sutton Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 41 and the Sutton Planning Board's Rules and Regulations Governing Subdivisions, a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 10, 1993 at 7:45 PM, in the Municipal Center, to review the Definitive Plans of the "Marsh Estates" Subdivision. This proposed 2 lot development is owned by Kenneth M. Linder, plans by Teachout Land Surveyors, dated 3/25/93.

In addition, according to Sutton General Bylaw 16, "Scenic Roads," a consolidated Public Hearing will be held at the same meeting for the removal of a 40" Green Ash Tree and an 34" Northern Ash Tree located on the southeasterly side of West Sutton Road at the entrance to Marsh Road.

The property is bounded northwesterly side of West Sutton Road, on the east and southeast by Singletary Lake, on the west by Ralph Pearson and on the north by various owners.

The plans may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Paul
Chairman
April 15, and 22, 1993

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

MILLBURY - The Leo Club will be cleaning trash from roads and lakesides in Millbury, rain or shine. Anyone willing to help is asked to be at Windle Field at 9 a.m. Wear gloves!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

SUTTON - Annual Town Election

MILLBURY - Millbury's Annual Health Fair, sponsored by the Millbury Lions Club and District Nursing Society, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post on South Main street.

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will host an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are $4.00 for adults and $1.00 for children under the age of 10.

Sutton Golden Age Club

SUTTON - Following is the Spring and Summer schedule for the Sutton Golden Age Club:
Twin Oaks, Sterling, Thursday, May 20
Village Haven, Harrisville, RI, Thursday, June 17
White's Restaurant, Westport, Thursday, July 15
Woodstock Inn, Woodstock, CT, Thursday, August 12
East Hill Farm, Troy, NH, Thursday, September 23
Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. See Peg Capuano for more information.

Inducted into Honor Society

SMITHFIELD, RI - Shannon O'Leary, of 15 Sutton Road, Millbury, has been inducted into the 1992 Fall class of Delta Mu Delta, the national honor society for students of business administration at Bryant College. She is a junior finance major.

Membership is open to students who are on the current Dean's List, have demonstrated satisfactory campus citizenship, have earned a cumulative average of 3.4 or better in 60 semester hours of work, and are in the upper 20% of their class in cumulative grade point average.

Women's Bowling League

MILLBURY - Kathy Marble rolled the high triple in the Women's Bowling League last week with strings of 112/133/97 for a 342 game.

Bowling 100 and over were: Kathy Marble, 112/133; Doris Collette, 103/111; Bridget Grenier, 105/104; Becky Rushton, 125; Joan DeSantis, 114; Pat Gaspar, 110; Ellen Bouvier, 109; Ann Coons, 109; Nancy White, 104; Aggie Boire, 104; and Debbie Boire, 102.

TEAM STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST
1	#3 The Shadows	66	30
1	#2 Kathy's Marbles	58	38
2	#1 Pattie's Pin-Ups	52	44
3	#5 Sisters Plus One	50	46
4	#4 Joannie & the Jets	40	56
5	#6 Gail Gabbers	24	72

HIGH SINGLE
Joan DeSantis 142
Ann Coons 141
Pat Gaspar 133
Kathy Marble 133

HIGH TRIPLE
Pat Gaspar 370
Joan DeSantis 358
Kathy Marble 342

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar, 103.6; Kathy Marble, 99.4; Becky Rushton, 97.1

TOP TEN BOWLERS: Pat Gaspar, 103.6; Kathy Marble, 99.4; Becky Rushton, 97.1; Joan DeSantis, 96.5; Charlotte Gabree, 95.2; Gail Higginbottom, 95; Ann Coons, 94; Ellen Bouvier, 93.4; Mary Jo Boire, 89.4; Marge McArdle 88.5

Women's Network to meet

WORCESTER- The Worcester Women's Network will meet April 21 at the Holiday Inn in Worcester. The topic will be "Professional Sexual Misconduct." Dinner reservations are required. For information, call 751-8907.

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declared them excess? What process? Were they replaced? When? Worse...they were not sold because of government inefficiency!

It seems the procedure is a lengthy one. At one time, individual offices were able to dispose of their excess vehicles by direct sale. That proved too simple, however. Now, excess vehicles are reported to the General Services Administration (GSA). Twice a year, by region (in our case New England), GSA publishes a book listing all available vehicles and invites sealed bids. In practice the average elapsed time from excess status to sale is about a year. Meanwhile the cars deteriorate, bidders know it, bid low and eventually the cars go for much less than they would have brought if they had been sold at the time they were declared excess. Even more important, your money and mine is tied up, unproductively, in idle vehicles.

The Comptroller General of the United States and the Office of Management and Budget have identified over 100 high-risk areas in which the losses, unlike the case of our four Sutton cars, amount to hundreds of billions (billions!) of dollars. To quote, these areas "cover only a small percentage, at best, of the problem areas throughout the government."

Can we devise a health care system that will escape the pitfalls of inherent government inefficiency?

Earth Day April 17

MILLBURY - The Leo Club will be cleaning trash from roads and lakesides in Millbury on Earth Day, Saturday, April 17, rain or shine. Anyone willing to help is asked to be at Windle Field at 9 a.m. Wear gloves!

Reflections from the Clergy

This week's "Reflections" was submitted by Laura Peterson, Youth leader at Hosanna Christian Fellowship, Millbury

During an age in which commercialization of holidays abounds, it is easy to forget the true meaning of Easter. To children, Easter is a chance to get an abundance of candy which they would not otherwise get from a big furry creature called the "Easter Bunny." To parents, Easter has come to mean the added expense of buying candy and toys for their children, while at the same time arguing with them that no, they cannot get a cute little bunny.

Unfortunately, oftentimes people get so caught up in preparing Easter baskets and Easter dinners that they neglect to remember what Easter represents: hope. It is difficult to maintain hope today, when both parents and children face problems which seem at times overwhelming and even insurmountable: coping with the effects of divorce, dealing with the increasing cost of living, providing for their families, competing with the materialism of friends and relatives, handling peer pressure at school concerning issues like drug and alcohol use, sex, and gang involvement, etc. However, hope is something that we all, consciously or unconsciously, search for. Hope is believing that there is a greater purpose for living other than making money and achieving materialistic goals. This hope will not be found in believing in one called the "Easter Bunny." This hope can only be found in realizing that One higher than ourselves desires a relationship with us and has an ultimate purpose for our lives.

Hope manifested itself at one specific point in history nearly 2,000 years ago and personified itself in the life of one person: Jesus Christ. Through the years, no one person has caused more controversy than Jesus. Why is it so hard to believe that He lived and breathed and was sent from God to give us the hope of a meaningful life? Perhaps because it is hard to believe that there even is a God when our world has become so corrupt and filled with war, pestilence, crime, incurable diseases, and death of loved ones. Perhaps it is easier to ask "Why?" and to doubt the existence of a higher being than to attempt to understand how a God, who tells us in the Bible that He loves us, could allow terrible things to happen to good, moral, law-abiding citizens. However, it is even more difficult and painful to believe that we have no ultimate purpose for our lives and that all we have to look forward to in the future is the fact that death is something that we must all confront sooner or later, and that it is the only way that we will be able to escape from dealing with the problems of this world.

Although there are many who try to disprove His existence, Jesus continues to unceasingly offer everyone hope and significance for their lives. He is God's Son who was sent to the earth to show us how much He loves us and to give us an ultimate purpose for living. He died to make an atonement for all the sins that have ever been committed and that ever will be; He was the final sacrifice for sins. But that was not the end; it was just the beginning. Jesus rose from the dead after three days, and offered everyone the hope of eternal life; the hope that by believing in God, our existence on earth is not the end, but actually the beginning of a fulfilled life which will culminate in the passing from a finite, imperfect, earthly existence into an eternal life filled with perfect love, peace, and joy. Although we may not be able to totally comprehend it, this hope is what Easter represents, not the celebration of a tradition involving an "Easter Bunny."

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not be processed. I am still working with the company trying to get concessions but am not sure how far we can go with them."

Committee member Barbara Tuttle "strongly recommended" that the parties involved be questioned on the allegations as soon as possible. "Dr. Sylvia is still being paid, and we should do this while he is still in the system," she said.

Hanratty suggested that they be invited to the next regularly scheduled meeting "and," he said, "if we are not satisfied with the answers then we can proceed along with chapter 30b (violations of the uniform procurement procedures act)."

Tuttle argued that an emergency meeting should be called. Committee members Tom Clawson and Jane Pojani agreed. Pojani also questioned why there were no purchase orders and no signatures by Sylvia.

Pierce said that when Garabedian was the Athletic Director, prior to Wilbur, purchase orders were used. "When he left," she said, "they stopped. I have not been able to find any purchase orders since the ones signed by Dr. Sylvia."

Pojani then asked about shipping or restocking fees.

Pierce replied, "That will be worked out and I expect a call back. We will not pay any added invoices, but will send back stock invoiced but not paid for." She added that the TV will not be sent back as it was a free item and not purchased. The company is checking its files to see if there were any other free items provided.

Pojani suggested that the Attorney representing the School Department be asked if the items should be returned since they may be needed for evidence. She also asked that Sylvia, Carmody, Wilbur, the athletic department bookkeeper and Assistant H.S. Principal Charles Capparelli be asked to attend the next meeting.

Palermo then said there was another area of concern with the Athletic Department's operation because the tickets used for games are not numbered. "I'm not saying there is a problem," he said, "but the procedure needs to be changed to handle gate receipts in a more accountable way."

Leslie Lane resident Sylvio Bourdeau remarked that if the bills were matched up with purchase orders this problem would have come to light much sooner. "There are too many leaks in this system," he said. "They can be taken advantage of. This present superintendent has been left a bag of worms."

Pierce said the system used by the athletic director was one where he worked with the bookkeeper. "Telephone calls for purchases and the bills were approved by the athletic director," she said. "It was between the athletic director and the bookkeeper at the high school."

In reply to a question from Bourdeau on who is responsible for overseeing the athletic director, Hanratty replied, "The superintendent."

Miscellaneous

- The Committee voted to notify two non-tenured teachers that their contracts will not be renewed. It was noted that they could possibly be rehired before the summer if the state school reform monies come through, which will see Millbury getting $305,000 if no changes are made in the present form of the bill now in the senate.

- The Committee signed a unified agreement with the Local 495 bargaining unit. Hanratty said the health insurance premiums the town was paying for those in the bargaining unit since last August will be repaid on a pro rated basis.

- Palermo reported that the Search Committee for a principal to replace retiring H.S. Principal Carmody will meet every day next week to interview eight of the remaining candidates from a field of 40. The final interviews by the School Committee will be conducted in open session.

- The Committee voted unanimously to appoint Martha Spinney of Oxford to a temporary permanent substitute position held by Dave Wilbur who is presently on paid administrative leave. She is certified in both math and social studies.

- The Committee accepted the resignation of a teacher aide at the Elmwood Street School who indicated she was resigning because of incompatibility with the teacher to whom she was assigned. Palermo said it was done in the best interest of both parties.

- Two candidates for the temporary position of Athletic Director, Elaine Bush and Linda Snyder, were appointed to split the $1085 stipend to fill out the rest of the school year.

- Two requests from parents to allow their children to finish out the rest of the school year in the Millbury schools even though they will live out of town were approved on the recommendation of Palermo. He noted that he will be working on a definite policy to address future requests.

- Palermo said a letter was received from a parent expressing concerns over how her child is being treated by a teacher at the Shaw School. Shaw School Principal Frank Rogers will be meeting with the teacher to address the concerns.

Pojani asked if the letter would go into the teacher's file. Palermo replied that usually it would be kept in the teacher's file but if after looking at the situation there are enough facts to substantiate the parent's expressed concerns, he would address the issue and place a letter of reprimand in the teacher's personnel file.

- Pojani, noting that Wilbur will soon be reaching the end of his paid leave extension, said the Committee should consider setting up a meeting by April 27th.

- The Committee voted to transfer $10,000 from the Dorothy Manor account to the town to help reduce the shortfall in other town accounts.

- Palermo reported that the Windle Family has not replied to a request to discuss expanding the land in the lease of Windle Field. Hanratty said he would call them.

Sylvio Bourdeau reminded the Committee that monies in the Windle Field budget cannot be used to improve on any land not included in the original lease.

Bone marrow donor sought

DEDHAM - Weymouth resident Liz McInnis, a Native American from the Naragansett tribe, has leukemia and the American Red Cross has said her only chance of survival is to receive a bond marrow transfusion from a matching donor. Liz's best hope of finding a perfect match is with another Native American because the unique characteristics of one's bone marrow are inherited in the same way traits like skin and eye color are inherited.

The American Red Cross Blood Services - Northeast Region is encouraging healthy Native Americans between ages 18 and 55 to take a free blood test to determine whether they are potential bone marrow matches for Liz.

In January, while in remission from breast cancer, Liz was diagnosed with an unusually acute form of leukemia, a disease of the body's bone marrow and other blood-producing tissues. Only a new, healthy bone marrow from a compatible Native American will provide her with a chance for a cure.

Now engaged to be remarried, Liz, 45, has five children (three of whom were adopted) and three grandchildren. She has also cared for 63 foster children considered unadoptable due to medical problems; after Liz's care, all were placed for adoption.

The results of the American Red Cross marrow-compatibility blood test are entered in a registry maintained by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). However, only 1% of people listed in the registry are Native American.

For information about free blood testing to help liz and the many other Native Americans needing bone marrow transplants, contact the American Red Cross - Northeast Region Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-462-9400, ext. 2075.

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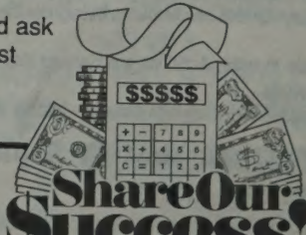

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